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COATING A MEDICAL IMPLANT USING A PAN COATER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

This paper is submitted in response to the Supplemental Final Office action of July 14, 2004, which set a three-month shortened period of response extending to and including October 14, 2004. This paper is also filed in support of an RCE.

A petition for an extension of time to file this paper is made.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or to credit any overpayments, to deposit account no. 11-0600.

Prior to further examination, please enter the following amendments.

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